

AB 982 Public Advisory Group

Second Organizational Meeting

February 11, 2000

State Water Resources Control Board Hearing Room

Meeting Summary

Introduction: State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff gave an introduction to the meeting, briefly described the AB 982 website¹, described where the group left off at the first meeting, and what needed to be accomplished in the second meeting.

Public Advisory Group (PAG) organization and membership categories: SWRCB staff presented a proposal for a larger group. Even though the first meeting had ended with a relatively small committee, it became clear in the interim that 15 members could not cover the interests that this effort will impact. The new proposal was for a group of 22 members represented by 11 regulated community members and 11 environmental group members. The audience discussed overall group numbers, representation of the different interest groups and efforts to establish parity of the various representing groups. Representatives of cities and counties explained their need for separate members for each of these groups. As a result of the discussion the membership was set at 24 members evenly split between regulated and environmental concerns.

Unresolved issue: Compensation for members that were not being supported to attend the meetings by their employer.

Selection of PAG representatives: The audience then nominated a total of 24 primary and 21 alternate PAG members (list is attached). The missing three alternate members shall be announced at a later date. SWRCB staff committed to formally propose these nominations to the SWRCB for appointment.

Unresolved Issue: Representation of the U.S. Navy on the PAG. There was no resolution on whether the U.S. Navy should be a member, replace an environmental group, or serve as a second alternate to the Ports and Waterfront Organizations interest. Environmental groups were not willing to give up a position. Ports and waterfront organization interests were willing to discuss adding the U.S. Navy as a second alternate. Adding the U.S. Navy as a new regulated community member would require adding one more environmental member; the audience did not discuss this issue further.

Draft Operating Procedures: Many comments were received during the review of the draft operating procedures. SWRCB staff recorded several comments that were incorporated into the operating procedures (the revised procedures are enclosed in the

¹ <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/AB982/home.html>

March 3, 2000 meeting agenda package). The sections that were clarified included: PAG purpose, the number /composition of PAG members, selection of members, what constitutes a quorum, proxy voting, PAG Officers, and the SWRCB's staff of the PAG. The PAG asked to consider the changes at the March 3 meeting.

Items Discussed that were not on the Agenda: PAG Co-Chairs.

ACTION: David Beckman, representing the Natural Resources Defense Council, and Craig Johns, representing the Western States Petroleum Association, were elected as Co-Chairs.

Focus of the PAG. Many members wanted the SWRCB to consider revising the stated focus of the PAG. Members stated that the PAG should focus on issues related to total maximum daily load (TMDL) development in addition to or instead of ambient monitoring and listing of sites. SWRCB staff committed to raise this issue with SWRCB management and bring it back to the PAG at its March 3 meeting.

Workplan: The staff report for a Workplan for Developing Comprehensive Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program was distributed to the PAG membership for comments. SWRCB staff requested any comments be returned to the staff.

Adjourn: PAG meetings were scheduled for March 3, 2000 and March 23-24, 2000.

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	Member	Alternate
Dischargers (12 members)		
Production Agriculture	Tess Dunham, CFBF	Brad Luckey, IID
Dairies	Paul Martin, WUD	David Albers, MPC
Rangeland	Bill Thomas, CCA	Pat Blacklock, CCA
Forestry	Mark Rentz, California Forestry Association	Mark Pawlicki, Forest Resources Council
Private Construction Stormwater	Cliff Moriyama, CBIA	Sat Tamaribuchi, Irvine
Municipal Stormwater	Jim Scanlin, ACSP	Armand Ruby, LWA
Industry	Craig Johns, WSPA	Dave Arrieta, WSPA
Ports, Waterfront Organizations	Patti Krebs, IEA	Ellen Johnck, BPC Randal A. Friedman, USN ²
Municipal Sewage (Publicly Owned Treatment Works)	Bobbi Larson, CASA	Vicki Conway, LACSD
Counties	Jim Noyes, LAPW	Allen Campbell, HCPW
Cities	Dave Kiff, CNB	David Tucker, City of San Jose
Water Agency	Peter MacLaggan, CUWA	David Bolland, ACWA
Environmental Groups (12 members)		
	Linda Sheehan, CMC	Cori Fay Traub, CWA
	Jonathan Kaplan, WNC	Bill Jennings, WNC
	Bob Caustin, DB	Bonnie Ahrens, DB
	Donna Meyers, CWC	Maya Conrad, CWC
	Zeke Grader, PCFFA	
	Leslie Mintz, Heal the Bay	Heather Hoecherl, HTB
	Bruce Reznik, SDBK	Julie Hamilton, SDBK
	Greg Karras, CBE	
	Barbara Vlamis, BEC	Lynn Barris, BEC ³
	Dave Paradies, BFMB	Regina Wilson, FOE
	David Beckman, NRDC	Steve Fleischli, SMBK
	Nicole Capretz, EHC	Laura Hunter, EHC

² Nominated by SWRCB staff.

³ Nominated by Barbara Vlamis on February 14, 2000.